

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2439

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2000

Referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## AN ACT

To authorize the appropriation of funds for the construction of the Southeastern Alaska Intertie system, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA INTERTIE AUTHOR-**  
2 **IZATION LIMIT.**

3       Upon the completion and submission to the United  
4 States Congress by the Forest Service of the ongoing High  
5 Voltage Direct Current viability analysis pursuant to  
6 United States Forest Service Collection Agreement  
7 #00CO-111005-105 or no later than February 1, 2001,  
8 there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
9 retary of Energy such sums as may be necessary to assist  
10 in the construction of the Southeastern Alaska Intertie  
11 system as generally identified in Report #97-01 of the  
12 Southeast Conference. Such sums shall equal 80 percent  
13 of the cost of the system and may not exceed  
14 \$384,000,000. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to  
15 limit or waive any otherwise applicable State or Federal  
16 law.

17 **SEC. 2. NAVAJO ELECTRIFICATION DEMONSTRATION PRO-**  
18 **GRAM.**

19       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy  
20 shall establish a 5-year program to assist the Navajo na-  
21 tion to meet its electricity needs. The purpose of the pro-  
22 gram shall be to provide electric power to the estimated  
23 18,000 occupied structures on the Navajo Nation that lack  
24 electric power. The goal of the program shall be to ensure  
25 that every household on the Navajo Nation that requests

1 it has access to a reliable and affordable source of elec-  
2 tricity by the year 2006.

3 (b) SCOPE.—In order to meet the goal in subsection  
4 (a), the Secretary of Energy shall provide grants to the  
5 Navajo Nation to—

6 (1) extend electric transmission and distribution  
7 lines to new or existing structures that are not  
8 served by electric power and do not have adequate  
9 electric power service;

10 (2) purchase and install distributed power gen-  
11 erating facilities, including small gas turbines, fuel  
12 cells, solar photovoltaic systems, solar thermal sys-  
13 tems, geothermal systems, wind power systems, or  
14 biomass-fueled systems;

15 (3) purchase and install other equipment associ-  
16 ated with the generation, transmission, distribution,  
17 and storage of electric power;

18 (4) provide training in the installation, oper-  
19 ation, or maintenance of the lines, facilities, or  
20 equipment in paragraphs (1) through (3); or

21 (5) support other activities that the Secretary  
22 of Energy determines are necessary to meet the goal  
23 of the program.

24 (c) TECHNICAL SUPPORT.—At the request of the  
25 Navajo Nation, the Secretary of Energy may provide tech-

1 nical support through Department of Energy laboratories  
2 and facilities to the Navajo Nation to assist in achieving  
3 the goal of this program.

4 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than February 1,  
5 2002 and for each of the five succeeding years, the Sec-  
6 retary of Energy shall submit a report to Congress on the  
7 status of the programs and the progress towards meeting  
8 its goal under subsection (a).

9 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of En-  
11 ergy to carry out this section \$15,000,000 for each of the  
12 fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

Passed the Senate October 5 (legislative day, Sep-  
tember 22), 2000.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*